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THE SURGICAL SCIENCE REPEATING ITSELF?

Experiments recently made in the

New York Post Graduate hospital give

almost conclusive evidence that idiocy

is not a disease or a condition of the

brain itself, but is due to a pressure of

the skull upon the brain. In the cases

operated upon, a cure was effected by

removing a portion of the skull and tra-

phining the head. The two patients

were children two years old.

The success of this operation in curing

idiocy lends a peculiar interest to a fact

known to antiquarians and students of

surgery, and which has long been and

still is a puzzle to scientists. The muse-

ums contain many skulls of persons who

lived before the dawn of history, almost

dating back to the eocene time; and

some of these skulls were trepanned, and

the individuals had evidently lived many

years after the operation. So far as the

specimens show, every case of this pre-

historic trepanning was performed on

children. The manner of the healing

and the growth of the cranium show

this. Some of these operations were

evidently performed during the stone

age, for the bone was cut with flint

knives, as shown by the scratches still

visible on the bone.

It is possible that this ancient surgery

was for the same purpose as that lately

performed by the New York post gradua-

tors? If so, it is proof that the earlier

tribes of the human race possessed a

knowledge long since forgotten, and now

rediscovered. Scientists have been of

the opinion that ancient trepanning per-

formed on children had for its object

the healing of some imaginary evil. It

has been looked upon merely as a har-

barious practice in the cause of emanipa-

tion. It may have been as scientific as

the finest surgery of today.

A FORETASTE OF REFORM.

Nerve in a general way is a good thing, but it is possible to display too much of it in the way of political duplicity. For a paper which professes to be dealing with the questions affecting the present municipal campaign from a high moral plane, the evening contemporary has a good deal more nerve than discretion. Its claim that the hybrid movement is directed at the suppression of vice in Fresno is so preposterous in view of the surrounding facts that it hardly rises to the level of ordinary hypocrisy.

A day or two since the **FRESNO** pulled the mask from the countenance of the canting, office-seeking combination far enough to disclose the fact that a farce was being run under the protecting guardianship of a prominent member of the "purifiers" campaign committee, with the result that the game was closed the same day and the influential committee man is now devoting his full time and attention to seeing that "no tricks are lost" for the cause of reform, as the Expositor declared he would be instrumental in doing when in the combined wisdom of the amalgamated "purifiers" he was selected for that purpose.

In yesterday's issue the organ of the "purifiers" triumphantly announced that the wicked game had been closed "through the activity of the Democratic city committee." Now there is a beautiful sample of nerve for people who admire that sort of thing. The game was closed through the activity of its vigilant doorman, Sam Ralton, and his fellow committee man and laborer in the cause of "purity," Danny Brown. This gives the public a sort of preliminary taste of the quality of the reform which is so liberally promised and may be confidently expected at the hands of the "purifiers."

It would be idle waste of words to comment seriously on the ridiculous pretensions of such a combination of reformers. It would be an insult to the intelligence of the voters to point out in detail a condition of things so perfectly obvious.

Sixty of the colored citizens of the city are reported to have organized a Democratic campaign club, on the ground that the Republicans have not kept all the promises made in the past in regard to the distribution of political "emoluments." A little inquiry will soon convince the colored brethren that they do not stand alone in this respect. That is a complaint which is not confined to any party, race, color or condition of people. The lamentations of the white

are also heard in mournful chorus after each election, and be they Democrat, Republican, or something else, they tell the same sad story of "busted" promises and the fickleness of the politician and office seeker. The question for the colored voter is to ask himself, in all seriousness, is whether he has any reason to expect more consideration and good faith from the Democratic party than he has received from the Republican party. If he thinks he has, he has only to try the experiment to learn that the Democratic party can promise more and do less than any other party in this free republic. Look, for instance, to what the Cleveland administration promised the people of this country, and what it has done for them.

It is true that many of Governor Budd's vetoes are commendable, and the **KRUMM** heartily endorses them, but it is equally true that some of them are incomprehensible from a standpoint of economy and good government. Why should the governor, for instance, fail to sign the bill placing a reasonable limit upon legislative attacks? The matter of attack is not only a personal legislative scandal, but it has come to be a drain on the treasury which should not be tolerated. The only people who are interested in having the way open for the looting of the treasury every two years are the traffickers in political patronage, and surely that class is not entitled to more consideration than the

overburdened taxpayers. Will some of the political friends of the governor explain why he killed this bill?

What has become of the gentlemen who were loudly crying for justice and reform a few weeks ago? Has their mission been fulfilled? or have they wearied of their task? - San Francisco Post.

We can't say what they are doing in

Fresno, but in Fresno they are

holding such positions as doorkeepers

for gambling houses, and are putting in

their spare time rustling for votes in the

slums, with the hope of getting a job on the

"purifiers" police force after the

campaign is over.

The **Tulare Register** kindly suggests

that Visalia is arranging to have her

counsel taken during the trial of the cele-

brated hog stealing case, which follows

entirely upon original idea. It

deals with the trolleys which arose from

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"OUR FLAT."

Emily Bancker Will Present the

Musical Comedy Success.

"One Flat," which comes to the Bar-
ton Opera house on next Monday even-
ing, April 8th, is a fine comedy which,
follows entirely upon original idea. It

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DIED.

Connie - Fresno, April 3, 1895. William Cudie,

native of New York, aged 65 years.

Funeral from 202 F street today at 4 p.m.

REGAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The following real estate transfers

were recorded yesterday:

John J. Ayer and wife to Jacob H. Tamm, 1/2

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THE NEW FEE BILL.**RHODE ISLAND ELECTIONS.****The Returns Everywhere Favored the Republicans.**

Providence, April 3.—The election in Rhode Island for state officers today was very quiet. Voting almost everywhere favored the Republicans. East Providence was an exception to the general rules. There the license question was a live issue and created considerable interest.

Twenty-one voting precincts in Rhode Island gave Tippett, Republican, 33,400; Littlefield, Democrat, 18,885, showing a majority gain of 287 over last year's total.

Charles Warren Lippett, Republican, was elected governor by 10,000 plurality. The remainder of the Republican state ticket was elected by the same plurality.

SUPPOSED HE WAS LYNNED.**The Body of a Murderer Found Hanging to a Tree.**

TOKA, April 3.—A special to the Capital from Galena says that George Cox, one of the boys who was shot near there yesterday afternoon by Newton Walters, recovered consciousness this morning and stated that Walters had induced him to climb a tree and while he was up the tree shot him. It is now known that Walters shot the younger brother, William, and threw the body in the river. At a late hour the dead body of the murderer was found hanging to a tree in the woods near the village. It is supposed that he was lynched. Walters was 17 years of age and was not bright witted, although he had never been considered employable.

For a copy of any trial, actually made by him, when required or demanded according to law, per folio, 10 cents; provided that when correct copies are furnished to him for use, no charge shall be made for such copies.

For advertising sale of property and posting notices, exclusive of cost of publication, or furnishing notice for publication, each, 50 cents.

For publication of notice in newspaper, the usual cost of publication, subject to the approval of the court.

For serving writ of possession or restitution, putting person in possession of the premises and removing the occupant, \$1.50.

For subpoena, each, 25 cents.

For summoning trial jury of twelve or less, \$2.

For each additional juror, 10 cents.

For traveling in the service of any person required by law to be served, for each mile actually and necessarily traveled, one way, only 15 cents, which travel, if made by rail, to other cities, 25 cents.

For collecting money on execution, with or without execution, 1 cent per cent on the first \$1,000 or less, and one-half of 1 per cent on all sums over \$1,000.

For executing and delivering sheriff's deed, \$1.50.

For executing and delivering certificate of sale, 50 cents.

For transporting prisoners to the county jail, the actual cost of such transportation.

For presenting and delivering any other instrument, 10 cents per folio.

The fees which are collected by the county clerk are as follows:

On commencement of any action in the superior, except probate proceedings or on an appeal thereto, to be paid by the party commanding such action or proceeding, \$1.

On filing of petition for letters of administration, testamentary or guardianship, \$3; and when inventory is filed \$1 for each additional \$100 of appraised value of the estate in excess of \$300.

For filing a petition to contest any will or codicil, \$3.

On appearance of any defendant, or any number of defendants, answering jointly, \$2 for every additional defendant, appearing separately, \$1.

On placing any action, excepting probate or default case, on the calendar for trial or hearing, \$2.

The foregoing fees to be in full for all services of clerk to and including judgment roll.

On filing any notice of motion for new trial of any civil action, the party answering to pay the clerk in full for services rendered in connection with such motion, except as hereinbefore provided, \$2.

For issuing an execution or order of sale in any action, \$1.

In all proceedings begun or acts performed prior to this rule going into effect, such fees and charges as were then required to be paid, shall continue until final issue of such proceedings or acts performed.

For any copy of any record, proceeding, paper on file, per folio, 10 cents.

For each certificate, under seal, 25 cents.

For filing each claim in insolvency or probate, 15 cents.

No fee to be charged in criminal actions.

For marriage license, \$2.

For filing and indexing articles of incorporation, or certificate of co-partnership, \$1.

For filing and indexing all papers to be kept in the office, than those papers filed in actions or proceedings in court, and official bonds and certificates of appointment, each, 25 cents.

For examining and certifying to a copy of any paper, record or proceeding, prepared by another, and presented for the clerk's certificate, 50 cents, and 1 cent per folio for comparing said copy with original.

For making satisfaction of or credit on judgment, 25 cents.

For receiving and filing remittit from superior court, 50 cents.

For affording and presenting each oath, without certificate, except in pending action or proceeding, 10 cents.

For taking any affidavit, except in criminal cases, 25 cents.

For taking and affording each undertaking and the justification thereof, except in criminal cases, 50 cents.

For searching records or files, for each year, 50 cents.

For taking acknowledgments and certificate, 50 cents.

For filing notices of appeal and appeal bonds, each, 25 cents.

HARDING-CHURCH.

Popular Young People United in Marriage.

Last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, about one mile southeast of town, William L. Hardinge and Miss Lodemar Church were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace H. Z. Austin. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Church, and was handsomely attired in a dress of cream colored muslin. The groom is a young gentleman of prominent and good habits, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardinge, who made many friends during his stay in this city. The wedding was quiet, and none but the near relatives of the parties were present.

After the ceremony was over all were invited to partake of a bountifully spread table. A number of valuable presents were received. The guests separated at an early hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hardinge a pleasant and happy voyage over the matrimonial seas. They will make their home in Fresno.

The Highland Fling.

The great Professor Munro has come and gone, skipped by the light of the moon, giving a new variation to the Highland Fling and leaving his many Scotch and other friends on the side-track, but the "G. S." is still here to help them out of their great loss. He will still sell them Stockton flour at 8¢ per sack and Fresno flour at 8¢; 17½ pounds sugar for one dollar, 10 pounds leaf lard at 12¢.

And he is more determined than ever to stay in the middle of the road, and give his entertainment and their friends the best of the local scenes, and they don't require Prof. Tyndall to find him. They can all find him at the Bartons' grocer house, at the old stand. Go it, everyone, there and we will all find you next meet Highland Fling.

Mr. Thomas H. Dodson and daughter, Miss Winnie, of Orland, Glenn County, are in Fresno on a visit to J. M. Bell and wife.

Thomas E. Hughes has returned from San Francisco. Mrs. Hughes, who accompanied him to the bay city, will remain there for a while.

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A BULL ON A FLY ROD.**LIVELY EPISODE OF A DAY'S FISHING IN CALIFORNIA.**

The Red Shawl of One of the Ladies In the Party Started the Fun, and the Skillful Angler Gave an Exhibition Not Common on a Troutin' Trip.

Traveling overland from Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo, "said a tourist recently returned from southern California, "our journey as far as Los Angeles was by stage. Of the beautiful land and water security along the route of our stage ride two features particularly impressed me. One was the backward view from the summit of the coast mountains, with Santa Barbara, 12 miles back, clustered on the left and right of its white Main street, the islands beyond and the blue Pacific.

"The second was the river that we fished shortly before arriving at Los Olivos. It was a type of water course common in California, with a wide, deep bed, perfectly dry, except where a clear little stream rippled its way along a narrow channel through sand and gravel, winding and eddying round bars and bowlders. A man might leap across it in many places, and the water did not even nearly reach the wheel hubs as the stage rolled through it.

"At Los Olivos, which we reached at 5 o'clock p.m., one of the dishes served at our excellent supper was trout, caught, as we learned, in the pretty, clear stream we had crossed. That determined us to stay over a day at the station to try the fishing. We got out our tackle and had a day of great sport. To reach the water we had to get down to the stop river banks and follow the dry bed through which the little stream seemed to plow its way. The trout we caught were of the black spotted mountain variety, ranging from 6 to 14 inches in length and averaging about three to the pound. Smaller ones we put back in the water.

"But there was an experience more exciting than fishing to come before the day was ended. At noon the Indians of our party came by wagon to join us at luncheon, and they accompanied us in the afternoon's fishing. Toward night, when we had worked well up toward the mountains, some cattle came down to the stream to drink, and without apparent provocation a lively young bull began to paw the ground and hollow unceasingly and followed these demonstrations up by charging upon our party. Looking up from my fishing at this juncture, I saw that it was the red plaid shawl of one of the Indians that had excited the animal's hostility. Calling to her to throw down the shawl and for them all to run, I threw stones at the bull to divert his attention, while the other gentlemen of the party helped them up the steep bank, where the bull could not follow. The bull stopped at the shawl, tossed it up in an ugly manner, and then, turning his attention to me, gave me a sharp snap across the head with his horns, and then ran off.

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